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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Sir:

A Notice of Incomplete Response was issued in the subject application on November 19, 2002. This is submitted to supplement the Response filed September 3, 2002, to the Requirement for Restriction issued July 2, 2002, in the subject application. Applicants believe that no fees are required for entry of this Supplemental Response. However, in the event any fees are required to make this Supplemental Response timely, please charge any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

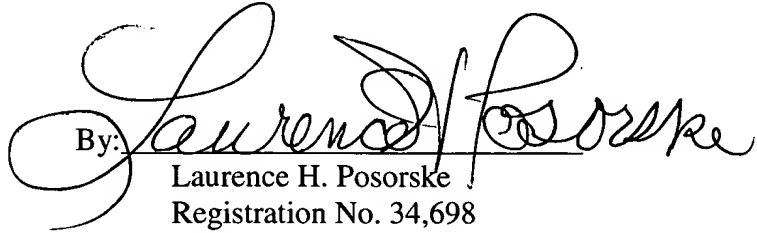
In the Response filed September 3, 2002, Applicants elected the invention claimed in claim 41, directed to a method of screening for cancer in an individual by assaying the individual's body fluid for the presence of antibodies to any of HOXA7, HOXB7, Arf-1, ABC-7 or the protein encoded by the *EcoRI/XhoI* fragment of bacteriophage λ clone 44B.1. To the extent that an election of species is required for prosecution of the subject invention, Applicants elect the species associated with determining whether a sample of an individual's body fluid contains antibodies specific for the gene product of the ATP-dependent iron transporter ABC-7 gene.

Applicants believe that claim 41 is a generic claim, and that any species encompassed within generic claim 41 as described above should be examined in the present application. To the extent that the Restriction Requirement is construed in any other way, Applicants traverse the restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

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